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SEPTEMBER 3.

Dr. BRIDGES in the chair.

Seventeen members present.

The following papers were presented for publication:—

“Catalogue and Synonymy of the Family Laseidæ.” By GEO. W. TRYON, JR.

“Catalogue and Synonymy of the Family Galeommidæ.” By GEO. W. TRYON, JR.

“Catalogue and Synonymy of the Family Leptonidæ.” By GEO. W. TRYON, JR.

Remarks on the Habits of an Ant.—Prof. LEIDY remarked that in his recent visit to Fort Bridger, Wyoming, in many places he observed the nests or hills of an ant, which reminded him of a communication formerly made to the Academy by Mr. Lincecum, on the Agricultural Ant of Texas (1866, 323). The ant-hills consisted of conical piles of gravel from one to two feet in diameter and from six inches to a foot in height, occupying the centre of a bare, circular level several yards in diameter. The mode of formation and object of the circular space were not ascertained. Probably it was the accidental result of the insect feeding on all kinds of vegetation growing within a circumscribed limit. Mr. Lincecum described similar circles, or pavements as he calls them, and stated that the ants allow nothing to grow upon them excepting a certain grass, *Aristida stricta*, from which they collect the seeds when ripe.

SEPTEMBER 10.

The President, Dr. RUSCHENBERGER, in the chair.

Twenty-three members present.

The following paper was presented for publication:—

“On the Agency of Insects in obstructing Evolution.” By THOS. MEEHAN.

Remarks on Mineral Springs, &c., of Wyoming and Utah.—Prof. LEIDY observed that, in his recent trip to Wyoming and Utah, he had had the opportunity of seeing a few of the mineral springs which are so numerous and varied in character, west of the Rocky Mountains.